

## Special Open Door Forum on Pharmacy Quality Alliance

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is hosting a special expanded Open Door Forum on April 24, 2006, to publicly announce, support and promote high-value pharmacy services, including measurement approaches, through a stakeholder-led Pharmacy Quality Alliance. Similar to the Ambulatory Quality Alliance (AQA), the mission of the Pharmacy Quality Alliance would be to improve health care quality and patient safety through a collaborative process in which key stakeholders agree on a strategy for measuring performance at the pharmacy level; collecting data in the least burdensome way; and reporting meaningful information to consumers, plans, providers and other stakeholders to inform choices and improve health outcomes. CMS Administrator Dr. Mark McClellan will kick off the forum by discussing the importance of developing better measures and better approaches to support quality pharmacy care. Following Dr. McClellan, industry leaders and stakeholders will discuss possible strategies for defining and measuring pharmacy performance, which could lead to new pharmacy payment models for optimizing patient health outcomes. For more on the AQA click: <http://www.ambulatoryqualityalliance.org/> <<http://www.ambulatoryqualityalliance.org/>>.

A complete agenda will be available soon. General inquiries about this Open Door should be emailed to [PharmacyQuality@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:PharmacyQuality@cms.hhs.gov). Please call 15 minutes early to ensure that you are placed in conference in time for the discussion.

Date: April 24, 2006  
Start Time: 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM Eastern Standard Time (EST)  
Dial: Dial-in# 1-800-837-1935 Conference ID# 7210374

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